

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the paragraph that begins on page 8, line 21 to read as follows:

In Figure 7, an alternate embodiment of the pallet of the invention is shown. A square pallet **700** includes support member **702** and **704**. The support members **702** and **704** are connected with cross members **706** and **708** by a pair of generally parallel flanges extending from each end of cross members 706 and 708 that overlap the upper and lower surfaces of the ends of support members 702 and 704, respectively. Cross members **706** and **708** are attached at the ends of support members **702** and **704**. The flanges are affixed to support members 702 and 704 by adhesives or inductive welding as known in the art, and rigidly secure cross members 706 and 708 to support members 702 and 704, thereby creating an integral structure for support of the appliance. Cross members **706** and **708** and support members **702** and **704** may have alternate cross-sections such as those shown in Figures 5A-5D. Bolt holes **712** are shown in support members **702** and **704** and can be used to attach square pallet **700** to an appliance with retaining bolts. Also, appliance feet holes **710** may be located in support members **702** and **704** and cross members **706** and **708** to accommodate feet found on the appliance.